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Sent: Wed 2/13/2013 11:04:55 PM
Subject: Re: Did the Sacramento Corps District ever reply to our letter on their "conditional concurrence" for BDCP (2 NOV 2012)?

Thanks, Tom.

I appreciate knowing about the follow-up conversation b/w Karen and Mike.

Good idea to send Jerry the process chart to supplement the EPA letter.

I totally agree with your sentiments expressed below.

I didn't know that Nawi cancelled the 9:00 call, so maybe I got dropped from his grouplist.

Regardless, we don't need to meet about my 404 question, you've answered it :-)

Tim

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Date: 02/13/2013 02:45 PM
Subject: Re: Did the Sacramento Corps District ever reply to our letter on their "conditional concurrence" for BDCP (2 NOV 2012)?

I'm almost certain that we have received no direct or indirect response to our letter. I think Karen and Mike Jewell had a nice conversation about it, and that they were happy just leaving it where it stands with a difference of opinion.

For what it's worth, I think that all we can say at this point is that DWR made it clear they are not interested in having EPA engaged in this process early. That this means we will get our information, if any, from the Corps. And that our role really sits in the background until we see either a public notice or an application.

You may want to print out that weird 404 scheduling diagram.

I have no real interest in amping up our involvement in this early Corps process, given how screwball it has been. And we sure as heck can't speak for the Corps about anything.

Maybe we should talk about this tomorrow am, now that Nawi has cancelled the 9:00.

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Erin & Tom:

Jerry Meral has invited Karla Nemeth, Dale Hoffman-Floerke, and Cassandra Enos to join the meeting I'd scheduled with him (I was hoping for a 1:1 or no more than a 1:2).

Jerry's executive assistant, Carlie Jackson, said Jerry was interested in an update of the 404 process. I said I could address the 404 process, but DWR and the Corps are working this beat independent of EPA, and that there were other priority issues I'd like to address, e.g., our review of the WQCP, our concerns about the effect of the BDCP on WQ, and our interests in combining habitat restoration in the C.V. with DWR's flood management plan.

Thankfully, Karen archived our NOV 2012 letter on the g:drive (see attached). In our letter, we tell the Corps that we'd like to know more about their approach, but we don't directly ask the Corps questions, or directly ask them to furnish more detailed information, so our tactic might not have spurred them to reply.

(See attached file: BDCP404OPPLetter110212.docx)

My question now is whether Mike Jewell ever replied by letter or email. Our letter speaks for itself, so I'll send a fresh copy to Jerry to refresh his memory, and I'd like to attach the Corps' written response (if one exists) or tell them that they've not yet responded. Either way, it will be illuminating to Jerry.

Erin, if you'd like to join me in the meeting, you're welcome to do so (FEB 21st @ Jerry's office 9:00-10:00), but you shouldn't feel obligated. We'll be flying at the 30,000 foot level, and I'm comfortable handling their questions at that altitude, and reiterating the concerns we previously put in writing.

Thanks, Tim

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